

Remarks

Claims 1-48 were pending in the international stage. By the foregoing amendment, no claims are canceled, claims 3-8, 11-24, 26-30, 32-38, 40-42, and 44-46 are amended, and claims 48-52 are added. No new matter is presented.

The Declaration

It is noted that the Declaration lists the inventor as a citizen of the United Kingdom. The Request had erroneously listed him as a citizen of Australia.

Specification

The amendment to the specification adds a cross-reference to the international application and restores a description of Figure 1b erroneously deleted in the international stage. Paragraph numbers are also included.

Claims

The amendment to the claims eliminates multiple dependencies, but otherwise leaves basic claim text unchanged relative to the claims found to have novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability.

New independent claims 48 and 49 are supported by existing claim 1. New independent claim 50 identifies a safety system as a portion of a machine and is supported by existing claims 1 and 45. New independent claim 51 and dependent claim 52 identify a method of operating a machine and are supported by claim 1.

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Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 1-52 are in condition for allowance. The fees are addressed in the Fee Transmittal and check mailed herewith. Please charge any deficiency or additional fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account of record.

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